

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1383 (VERCHER, BEDNE, & ELROD) – This resolution would approve an agreement between the United States Department of the Army (the Army) and the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services to provide relocation assistance for the Mill Creek Flood Risk Management Project (Mill Creek Project) in Davidson County.

In December 2017, the Metropolitan Council approved Resolution No. RS2017-976, which set forth a project including bridge modifications and channel improvements for the Mill Creek Project and the buyout of forty-four (44) flood-prone properties in the Mill Creek, Sorghum Branch, and Whittemore Branch watersheds. The agreement provided that Metro would assist homeowners with relocation costs.

The resolution under consideration would modify the original agreement to enable the Army to provide relocation assistance for citizens displaced during the Mill Creek Project. While relocation assistance was part of the original agreement, Metro was to perform both the appraisal and purchase of the affected properties and assist the homeowners with relocation costs. In subsequent discussions, it was determined that separating these activities to allow different parties to purchase the properties and assist with relocation costs was preferable. The Army has agreed to provide relocation assistance instead of Metro. Either party may terminate this agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party.

Fiscal Note: The original agreement per Resolution No. RS2017-976 called for Metro and the Army to fund the cost of the project jointly. Construction costs allocated to structural flood risk management were projected to be \$3,037,000. The Army was to pay \$1,519,000 of this amount, with Metro paying the remaining \$1,518,000.

Construction costs allocated to nonstructural flood risk management were projected to be \$9,772,000. The Army was to pay \$6,353,000 of this amount, with the remaining \$3,419,000 paid by Metro (35% of the total). This revised distribution of labor between Metro and the Army does not change the cost share agreement and does not increase the cost to Metro for this project.